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1. USAF CURRENTLY PLANNING PEACE HAWK REVIEW AT WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO, AND HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DURING FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER WITH REPRESENTATION FROM THE RSAF AND ALL USAF AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM. BELIEVE SCHEDULING F-4 DEMONSTRATION, FLIGHTS, DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DURING TWO WEEK PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PEACE HAWK REVIEW WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO PRINCE SULTAN'S KEEN INTEREST IN FORWARD MOTION RE F-4 AND WILL NOT BE DISRUPTIVE OF

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PEACE HAWK PROGRAM BY REQUIRING SEPARATE CONUS VISITS BY

KEY RSAF PERSONNEL. USAF AND CONTRACTOR BRIEFINGS WOULD BE INCLUDED. FOREGOING PROPOSAL WOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE RSAF PERSONNEL WERE AVAILABLE FOR F-4 ORIENTATION/DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

2. IN ADDITION, IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE, A SMALL (2-3 MAN) USAF TEAM COULD BE DISPATCHED TO SAUDI ARABIA TO PROVIDE BRIEFING ON OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT ASPECTS OF THE F-4. TEAM COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO END OF AUGUST OR, ALTERNATIVELY, JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR CONUS OF RSAF PEACE HAWK REVIEW TEAM. IN EITHER CASE, IT IS PLANNED THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF USAF TEAM WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN CONUS PORTION OF F-4 PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED PARA 1. USAF TEAM WOULD NOT DISCUSS PRICE AND AVAILABILITY AT THAT TIME BUT WOULD PROVIDE GENERAL OPERATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND LOGISTICS INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE SAUDI OFFICIALS.

3. YOU MAY CONVEY PARA 1 TO PRINCE SULTAN AND PARA 2 IF IN YOUR JUDGMENT YOU BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT USAF TEAM SHOULD COME OUT IN ADVANCE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHO TEAM WOULD BRIEF IN SAUDI ARABIA IF DECISION IS MADE TO SEND TEAM. ROGERS

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